

DESERT AIRMAN

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A-10 student pilots
behind on training

Weekend flying scheduled

By Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 355th Wing A-10 flying squadrons are scheduled to fly several Saturdays during the upcoming months in order to meet the U.S. Air Force training requirements for the 357th and 358th Fighter Squadrons.

Although there won't be flying planned for every weekend, Col. Bill Hyatt, 355th Operations Group commander, said he anticipates having flying scheduled for Dec. 14 and the first two Saturdays in January and February to align with the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard flying weekends.

It will take more Saturdays of flying to catch back up with training require-

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Airman 1st Class Lindsey Slocum

Welcome back AEF 5/6

Tech. Sgt. J. Moody, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, greets his wife and sons as he exits an L-1011 Tristar aircraft. The L-1011 Tristar returned Moody and approximately 200 other airmen to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Dec. 3 after a 90-day Air and Space Expeditionary Force deployment. Earlier that day, a C-5 Galaxy aircraft brought more than 35 airmen home. Another two C-130 Hercules aircraft landed here Monday and Tuesday carrying approximately 15 airmen each back from the deployment. More members are scheduled to return over the next several weeks, most in time to celebrate the holidays with their family and friends.

Rates at D-M Child Development Center increasing

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

For the first time in three years, the rates for enrollment at the Davis-Monthan Child Development Center are increasing in January.

"The financial goal of the CDC is to break even," said Wendy Ozment, 355th Services Squadron chief of family member programs. "Without raising fees, the program would operate in a deficit."

According to Maureen Echavarry, CDC director, the fees are not increasing so that CDC can make a profit, but rather to assist the base in recruiting and retaining quality caregivers. "Our goal is not to make money," said Echavarry. "We want to maintain and exceed

Air Force and national standards for quality care giving. In order to do this, we want to maintain a higher teacher to infant ratio. While most off-base centers have a one [teacher] to five [student] ratio, ours is one to four."

In addition, the increase will cover an anticipated civilian pay increase and accommodate small salary increases for staff members who are completing the training required to provide quality service.

"We have a training program that allows caregiver wages to increase with their level of training," Echavarry said.

Fees are set to pay approximately half of the total cost of providing the care. "Parent fees [at the CDC] only cover one-fourth of the caregiver's wages and benefits, some consum-

able supplies and the cost of the food program which is not paid for by reimbursements from the United States Drug Administration," said Ozment.

The fee change will not affect the School Age Program. "School age operates on a higher staff to child ration than the CDC and we will be able to maintain the current fees for one more year," said Ozment. In addition, parent fees in the School Age Program are used only for the wages and benefits of the school age staff that work directly with the children.

Cost for the CDC is based on total household income. The reason is because one of the primary purposes of the military child devel-

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Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to **contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here.** Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is **228-4747.** An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

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Col. Paul Schafer
355th Wing Commander

Go Air Force

I am writing to you for many reasons because of thoughts on my mind. Please forgive any mistakes or my jumping from one subject to another. At the age of 77, I have earned that privilege as I write down the things that come to my mind.

My brother was a pilot in World War II. He was a first lieutenant assigned to the 646th Bomb Squadron, 410th Bomb CO(L). He loved to fly and couldn't wait to serve our country. Sadly, he lost his life Dec. 1, 1944 and after 58 years, every time the planes fly over my home I look toward the sky and my heart races as I think of him and the young men and women who have chosen to dedicate their lives to our country. They have chosen to protect and serve this country. They didn't buy votes or

make promises they couldn't keep. They don't take perks or money to keep their jobs. Their jobs are not political, they are doing what they believe is right for this country. I want to let them know I love them and to tell them to remember that we only pass this way once. So always tell your families you love them each day.

You will always be my heroes. As I look toward the sky, I wonder what it is like to be in those beautiful birds flying so free in the air. When I hear people complain about the noise, I [choose to] welcome it. It makes me feel safe, just to know they aren't dropping bombs but are up there to make our country safer. So, in closing I say, go Air Force. *(Editor's note: This letter was submitted by Marjorie Driskill.)*

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The Blanchard Golf Course, part of the 355th Services Squadron, allows all Department of Defense members, retirees and dependents the opportunity to relax by playing 18 holes on the lush greens that reside there. The course, originally nine holes when it opened in 1962, is full of tree-lined fairways and well-bunkered greens. More than 1,300 trees and a lake have been added since its opening.

The services squadron vision is "superior combat readiness and taking care of troops and families."

Their mission is to provide superior combat readiness while exceeding services expectations for troops, families and the Davis-Monthan community.

(Right) John Morris, tractor operator for the 355th Services Squadron, mows at the Blanchard Golf Course, doing his part to keep the course in tip-top shape for all the patrons that enjoy frequenting the links every day.



Senior Airman Troy Hawkes

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MDG upgrading phone lines

New system to alleviate problems personnel experience while making appointments

By Senior Airman Troy Hawkes
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 355th Medical Group is currently performing a 1.3-million-dollar Meridian-1 upgrade to its communications system.

This upgrade will alleviate many of the problems that people have been experiencing when attempting to get appointments.

The new system will involve upgrades to hardware, the answering service for the appointment line and will expand the wired line size of the medical group by 256 lines.

"Our number one documented complaint, which has been almost a daily issue over the last four years, has been with the inability to get timely appointments through the appointment system," said Col. (Dr.) Carl Alley, 355th MDG commander.

"What this is going to do for the medical group and for patients is allow us to monitor the workload and schedule people to meet the demand. There's so much capacity in the phone switch that we will be able to determine when our high workload times are. Those are the times when we can put more appointment clerks and additional staff on so we can manage those calls and get people appointments. That will reduce the irritant that the antiquated phone system was for our patients. People don't want to sit on the phone for long periods of time or get into the system and be dropped off.

"The ultimate goal is to have patients speaking with appointment clerks within a minute," said Alley.

The new appointment line will provide one-number access to a variety of medical services

and simplify the appointment-making process. Unnecessary steps, such as choosing the day of week or time of day were removed from the system to speed up the process.

The new switch hardware and software increases the reliability of each phone call, and callers will no longer be disconnected when accessing the appointment line, said Alley.

Patients will no longer experience busy signals when calling clinics, but placed on hold until a clerk answers their call, Alley said.

The new system also allows for repetition of messages, so callers no longer have to hang up and redial into the system if they missed a prompt.

"This is a huge investment to take care of a real concern on the part of our leadership on this base, retiree organizations and certainly our beneficiaries. I think the key is that the leadership at the Medical Group has listened to complaints and we've done something.

"When beneficiaries call, they will get through. Regardless of what their need is, it will be handled in an expeditious manner. That's the way it should be done and the way our beneficiaries deserve it to be.

"Before, people had to endure the frustration of an ineffective system for accessing the medical group and couldn't get their questions answered. That was a huge negative morale impactor on this base. As a result of this new telephone system, morale across the base will improve because people will have access to getting appointments efficiently. This will make all the difference in the world in terms of how they see the medical benefit.

"I think providing a total service that's quality in nature does the right thing for the beneficiary. That's the right thing for the Air Force and this base. This is just another example that leadership addresses those issues that are of huge importance to the base population, family members and retirees," said Alley.

News Notes

A&A Days 2003

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base will host Arizona and Aerospace Days 2003 March 29 and 30. The Air Force Thunderbirds will be performing. Look for more about this upcoming air show in future issues of the *Desert Airman*.

Patch design contest

The 355th Wing is holding a contest to develop a new Desert Lightning Wing Morale Patch. The intent is to keep the slogan, "Desert Lightning Wing," but use ideas on redesigning the patch. Take into account all missions as you prepare and submit your design. Submit your ideas along with name, rank and unit to Capt. Chrissy Cuttita or Maj. Gary Carruthers, 355th Wing Public Affairs, by Dec. 30. For more information, call 228-4570.

Gate construction

Construction of new blockades will take place beginning Monday. Inbound traffic to the Wilmot Road Gate will be restricted to only one lane. Work on the Swan and Craycroft road gates will begin Dec. 23 and 30. Please take this into consideration when planning arrival to work.

Christmas tree recycling

Christmas tree recycling will be available at the base recycling center until Jan. 17. Trees must be left in designated area within the center compound and free of decoration, tinsel, tree bags, etc. There is 24-hour access to the recycling center. For more information, call Joe Uremovich at 228-2296.

Distinguished visitor

Retired Brig. Gen. Steve Ritchie arrived here Monday and will stay until Sunday. He is speaking at four different events focusing on leadership and his combat experience in the Vietnam War. With 339 combat missions, this ace is a highly decorated pilot. For more information, call Capt. Chrissy Cuttita at 228-4570.

Road closure

Seventh Street, between Ironwood and the dormitory construction site, closed Dec. 2 to all traffic other than security and fire. This is part of the Phase One dormitory project. Access to the parking lot south of Bldg. 3220 is from Sixth Street.

Housing Office closure

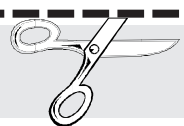
The housing office will be closed Dec. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For emergencies, call housing maintenance at 228-8600.

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airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. This information is current as of Wednesday.

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Public records make service members vulnerable

By Capt. Matthew Cassell
355th Wing Legal Office

Identity theft is a growing problem in the U.S. (about 50,000 cases each year, and rising) due to advances in information technology and the transfer of personal information via the Internet.

Most people have heard all the terrible stories about identity theft, which is the process of stealing a person's personal information and using it to steal merchandise and services. The latest method identity thieves have concocted to steal a military member's identity is to use one of our own Department of Defense forms against us when we retire.

All military members will fill out the standard military discharge form, DD Form 214, when they retire from military service. Historically, retirements and separations has told retiring personnel to file their DD 214 at the nearest courthouse, in order to keep it safely stored. But military authorities gave this ad-

vice before identity theft was such a problem. Filing a DD Form 214 at a courthouse in this fashion means the form and all personal information that goes with it, (home address, home phone number, social security number, etc.), becomes public record, accessible by every identity thief out there. This problem is made worse for those of us stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, because Arizona law does not authorize a citizen to blackout personal information on a public record or pull the public record unless they are the victim of domestic violence, a certified police officer or a prosecutor. However, this situation is about to change through the legislative process.

A law, which is anticipated to pass in the Arizona State Legislature, 2003, will allow military members to pull their DD 214s from public record or blackout the personal information on the forms. Those military retirees who have already filed their DD 214 downtown must wait until the bill becomes law to protect their personal information. However, mili-

tary members who are about to retire, or those who have already retired and have yet to file a DD 214, should keep it in a safe, fireproof location in their home or in a safe-deposit box, as should be done with a will and other important documents.

Generally, identity theft is an easily avoidable problem if the proper precautions are taken to safeguard personal information. People should remain aware of both personal credit ratings and individual account statuses.

First and foremost, as discussed earlier in this article, safeguard your personal information, especially social security numbers – never give this number over the phone or the Internet and do not put this number on checks. Also, make a regular, meticulous check of credit and banking accounts, and if there are any discrepancies, immediately call the financial institution. If any bills have not arrived, be sure to follow up with the applicable credi-

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2003 fees for D-M Child Development Center				
Category	Total family income	Full day (52 weekly payments)	2 Day Enrich (monthly)	3 Day Enrich (monthly)
I	\$0 - 28,000	\$52 (\$1.04/hour)	\$32	\$49
II	\$28,001 - 34,000	\$62 (1.24/hour)	\$38	\$58
III	\$34,001 - 44,000	\$74 (\$1.50/hour)	\$47	\$70
IV	\$44,001 - 55,000	\$85 (\$1.70/hour)	\$53	\$80
V	\$55,001 - 70,000	\$98 (\$1.98/hour)	\$62	\$92
VI	\$70,001 +	\$112 (\$2.24/hour)	\$69	\$104

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opment program is to improve the economic viability of military families. Families with the lowest incomes are considered to be those most in need of assistance with their child care.

Established by Air Force policy, the fees are set up so, while higher income families pay more in dollars for their child care, they actually pay a lower percent of their income.

There are options available to members who may have difficulty paying the child care increase. "We are a contracted site with the Department of Economic Security," said Ozment. "Parents may apply through the local agency for child care assistance."

For more information regarding services and rates by the Child Development Center or School-Age Program see chart (left), or for questions regarding the fee changes, call Ozment at 228-2335.

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ments. However, there is no set schedule beyond February.

"Our flying is based on an Air Combat Command directed flying hour program that contracts us a certain amount of sorties and a certain amount of flying hours," said Hyatt. "At the same time, two of our A-10 squadrons (357th and 358th FS) are formal training squadrons. They train new A-10 pilots."

These training squadrons, in addition to having sortie and hour contracts, must also put a certain amount of students through the course in a predetermined amount of time.

"For example, an initial qualification course might have fourteen students and a hundred-and-ten duty days to complete their training," said Hyatt. "They show up on a certain day and they're supposed to end on a certain day, so when they graduate they can go to follow-on training and eventually replace somebody at

a base who will be going somewhere else."

Taking all this into account, in order to keep caught up, these squadrons must hold to a very rigid schedule.

"We're doing OK on the sorties and hours side of the schedule," said Hyatt, "but, in one case, we're several days behind in one of the qualification courses."

The fact that these squadrons are behind does not go without good reason.

"Every time we have a goal day, every time we have a down day, every time we have a family day, it puts us a little behind," said Hyatt. "All those days are part of that 110-day course load. That is not to say we don't appreciate the down time, it just comes at a cost."

Although Saturday isn't a normal duty or training day, the 355th Operations Group will keep the hours worked on Saturdays similar to the hours worked during the week.

"The hours will vary because we are going to try to mirror the flying hours during the week," said Hyatt. The squadrons normally get a string of schedules during the week where

they arrange flying times.

"The air space dictates when we take-off and land," he said. "The Monday through Friday scheduling process is done separately from the weekend process." The reason for this, Hyatt said, is because on the weekends, there is not as many active-duty units using the air space, but the ANG and Reserve units are using it on certain weekends.

The current plan for the Saturday flying scheduling will most likely be no more than a regular eight-hour work day.

"As an example, Saturday the fourteenth, our flying window should be from about [7 a.m.] local to [3 p.m.] local from first take off to last land," said the colonel. "That's the window we have planned."

The extra flying hours on Saturdays will affect more than just the pilots, but associated airmen including air traffic controllers, maintenance crews, aerospace ground equipment crews, fuel technicians and more.

Their hard work and efforts do not go unnoticed.

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tor to find out what happened, because the bill may be going to a different address due to identity theft.

It is also wise to obtain a credit report every year from one of the three major credit bureaus to make sure all information is correct and that no identity theft has occurred. These agencies are Equifax (www.equifax.com; (800) 525-6285), Experian (www.experian.com; (888) 397-3742), and Trans Union (www.tuc.com; (800) 680-7289). A report usually costs around \$10. These steps will likely stop any identity theft in its tracks.

For victims of identity fraud, there are certain actions, including three steps to take immediately, that can be taken to minimize the possible damage done to accounts and credit ratings.

◆ First, contact the fraud department of each of the three major credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and Trans Union. Report that your identity has been stolen and re-

quest that a fraud alert be placed on your file so that no new credit can be obtained without your approval. Also, ask the bureaus for a copy of your credit report. You are allowed a free copy if your report is inaccurate due to fraud.

◆ Second, close any fraudulently accessed accounts and place new passwords on existing accounts, and be sure to follow this action up in writing to the financial institution.

◆ Third, file a report with the police in the jurisdiction where the identity theft took place; be sure to keep a copy of this report for your records. These three steps will allow you to avoid any financial responsibility and minimize the personal hassles associated with identity fraud.

Never agree to pay any portion of a fraudulent debt. This will cause the fraudulent balance to remain on your record.

For questions, come into the 355th Wing Legal Office. Legal assistance hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 to 10 a.m. or call the legal office at 228-5242.

Hammered

Senior Airman Kyle Green, 355th Operation Support Squadron, drives a nail home in an overhang that will be used for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's new paintball field. This overhang will be used for players to prepare for a paintball war, like renting paintball guns and face masks. Green, along with about 24 others, volunteer their off-duty time to make this paintball dream a reality. All volunteers are faithful players of the game and know what it will take to make the project a success. The field, where archery is now located, is scheduled to be ready for use by February.



Capt. Chrissy Cuttita



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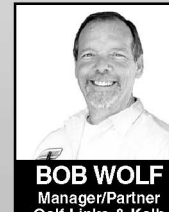
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"World events make it clear that it is imperative, more than it has ever been, for each one of us to guard against complacency and remember that we are under the constant threat of terrorism," said Col. John Salley, headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe security forces director.

"Security forces and AFOSI agents work diligently everyday to

ensure our security and safety," said Salley. "They cannot accomplish this without the efforts and keen sense of awareness from you and your family.

"It is the responsibility of each one of us to ensure we live in a secure environment."

According to Salley, there are some specific things you can do to fulfill your responsibility to force protection:

◆ Report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary to security forces or AFOSI.

◆ Always remember to use your individual protection measures, such as varying your travel routines to make yourself less predictable.

◆ Implement sound security practices like securing personal items and locking your car when unattended. Inspect your car for signs of tampering prior to travel and lock the house when you leave.

◆ Participate in or establish an

Eagle Eyes or neighborhood watch program in your community housing area.

◆ Maintain situational awareness by remaining alert and knowing your surroundings, including your housing area and neighbors if in the local community.

◆ Make sure you know the emergency services (police, fire department, ambulance) phone numbers for the neighborhood in which you are living.

In addition to this, all active-duty members, Department of Defense civilians, and their family members, 14 years and older, are required to receive antiterrorism/force protection Level I briefing prior to permanent change of station travel to an overseas location said Salley.

According to the colonel, this training focuses on the local threat environment in the area you are to be stationed and is then conducted on an annual basis while

members are stationed overseas. If you have not received your training, please contact your installation AT/FP officer.

"Throughout the [Air Force] we will continue conducting installation entry control procedures, large vehicle searches, random vehicle inspections and antiterrorism measures and our threat dissemination process to serve as a deterrent and appear less predictable to the potential terrorist," said Salley.

"We understand that the lines and additional security checks can be frustrating," he said.

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They assume dual role of success and significance

By Lt. Col. John Horner
358th Fighter Squadron

America's Air Force has a reputation and track record we should all be proud of. As a team, we succeed. From the chief of staff of the Air Force to the newest airman, we absolutely depend on each other for this success.

Though the ranks that can remember the attack on Pearl Harbor are thinning, all of us should have a vivid memory of

where we were and what we were doing Sept. 11, 2001. With much of the Davis-Monthan family deployed around the globe fighting the resultant war against terrorism, and those remaining at home working harder to fill the gaps, these Sept. 11 memories, like Pearl Harbor for earlier generations, can help us keep focus and reflect on our great nation and the calling to serve it.

Times are difficult, but the nation is truly depending on us.

From fixing and flying aircraft to providing medical care and legal advice, those that remain after the massive drawdown of the 1990's are absolutely critical to the current Air Force mission. Unfortunately, in the turmoil of high operations tempo and amid stressors like an extremely competitive promotion system, we run the risk of thinking we're being taken for granted or just not mission essential. Also,

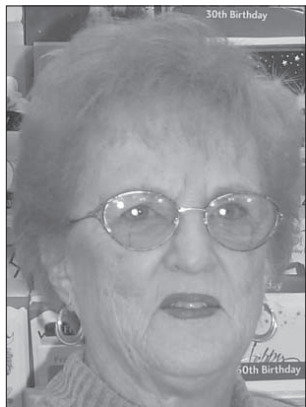
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“Recent safety statistics show that we're hurting, maiming and killing ourselves at a rate far greater than our current enemies could...”

— Lt. Col. John Horner
358th Fighter Squadron
commander

Final Answer

What do you like about winter?



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wife of retired Staff Sgt.
Daniel Piedmont

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Carmen and retired Staff Sgt. Don Sieger

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Patricia Maes
wife of Maj. Carl Maes

“I like winter because Christmas is my favorite holiday all year.”



Retired Senior Master Sgt. Arthur Cleveland

“No snow is my favorite thing about winter in Arizona.”



Tech Sgt. Patricia Switzer
162nd Fighter Wing

“Knowing that the holidays are coming up and that I'm going to be spending them with my family and friends.”



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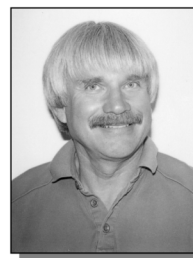


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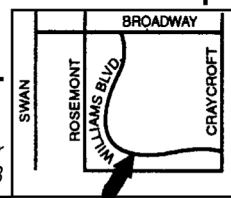
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between the need to burn off steam during limited time back in continental United States and a devil-may-care attitude about personal well being outside the combat zone, bad things are happening to our good people.

Recent safety statistics show that we're hurting, maiming and killing ourselves at a rate far greater than our current enemies could do. This runs in harsh contrast to the notion that people are the Air Force's most valuable resource. What can you do?

First, we need to exhibit the same sort of teamwork in our off-duty time as we do in our professional conduct on the line. Front line supervisors that know and make input to the off-duty plan play a vital role, and wingmen who watch each other's backs are key. Good communication is essential.

Second, we must balance our

behavior as warriors who are not afraid to take risk with a conservative assessment of the costs of our actions. Excessive speed and the limited protection that a motorcycle provides in the wee hours of the morning is a recipe for disaster. How do you and your subordinates blow off steam and what are you doing to manage or mitigate the associated risk?

Finally, remember that you are an important part of the plan. Take pride in the significant position you play. For those lucky enough to have time off in the upcoming holiday period—enjoy it! Take time to show your loved ones how much you appreciate their support—you couldn't do what you do for the country without their contribution. Most important, treat yourself with the same care and respect you would with any other extremely valuable national resource. Successful or significant? Take pride in being both.



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Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: 1st Lt. Scott O'Hare

Organization: Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center

Duty title: Technical advisor

Hometown: Winter Park, Fla.

Years of service: 17

Reason for joining the Air Force: I believe we're very fortunate to live in the times we do as free people - I joined the Air Force to give something back.

Main responsibilities: Develop and deploy software solutions in support of the financial management mission, deputy project manager and supervisor

Best aspects of job: The freedom I have to spend uninterrupted hours playing in my Visual Basic for Applications sandbox, the great AMARC people I've been associated with and just being assigned to D-M.

Goals: To make an impact, to serve in an operational FMA slot once again before retiring and to earn Microsoft Certified Application Developer certification.

Hobbies/outside activities: Reading, fitness, building radio-controlled aircraft (if you don't fly them well you get to build a lot more) and golf

Favorite thing about D-M: Being reunited with old friends, lots of sunshine and blue sky and the A-10s overhead that remind us why we're here.

Best assignment: Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany serving as an avionics technician from 1986 to 1991. I gave my life to Christ as a young airman, enjoyed having hands-on the mission, met my wife and proposed as an F-4 thundered overhead (she wasn't sure what I said).



Airman 1st Class Lindsey Slocum

Inspiration: The memory of my brother Nate. He lived life at full-throttle, never holding back; he was courageous, fun, loved others with intensity and was always thankful for each day.

Davis-Monthan shows their best with top scores

The following individuals are recognized for achieving an outstanding score of 90 percent or above on their career development course exam in the month of November:

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Class Shawna Surls; **354th Fighter Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Oscar Dominguez, Airman 1st Class Scott Klusman, Airman 1st Class Jason Taly; **355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Travis Romesha; **355th Civil Engineer Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Christopher Waring; **355th Component Maintenance**

Squadron: Tech. Sgt. David O'Connell, Airman 1st Class William Schroeder, Airman 1st Class Zachary Wilkie; **355th Contracting Squadron:** Senior Airman Evelyn Carter; **355th Medical Group:** Tech. Sgt. Ricky Poppe, Staff Sgt. Tamika Thomas; **355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Jason Hunt, Senior Airman

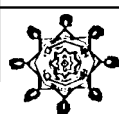
Scott Thibodeau; **355th Transportation Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Chris Logan, Airman Ilya Novikov; **357th Fighter Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Teri Murray; **612th Airborne Communication Squadron:** Airman 1st Class A.J. Flores, Airman 1st Class Amanda Lee

(Courtesy of the 355th Mission Support Squadron).

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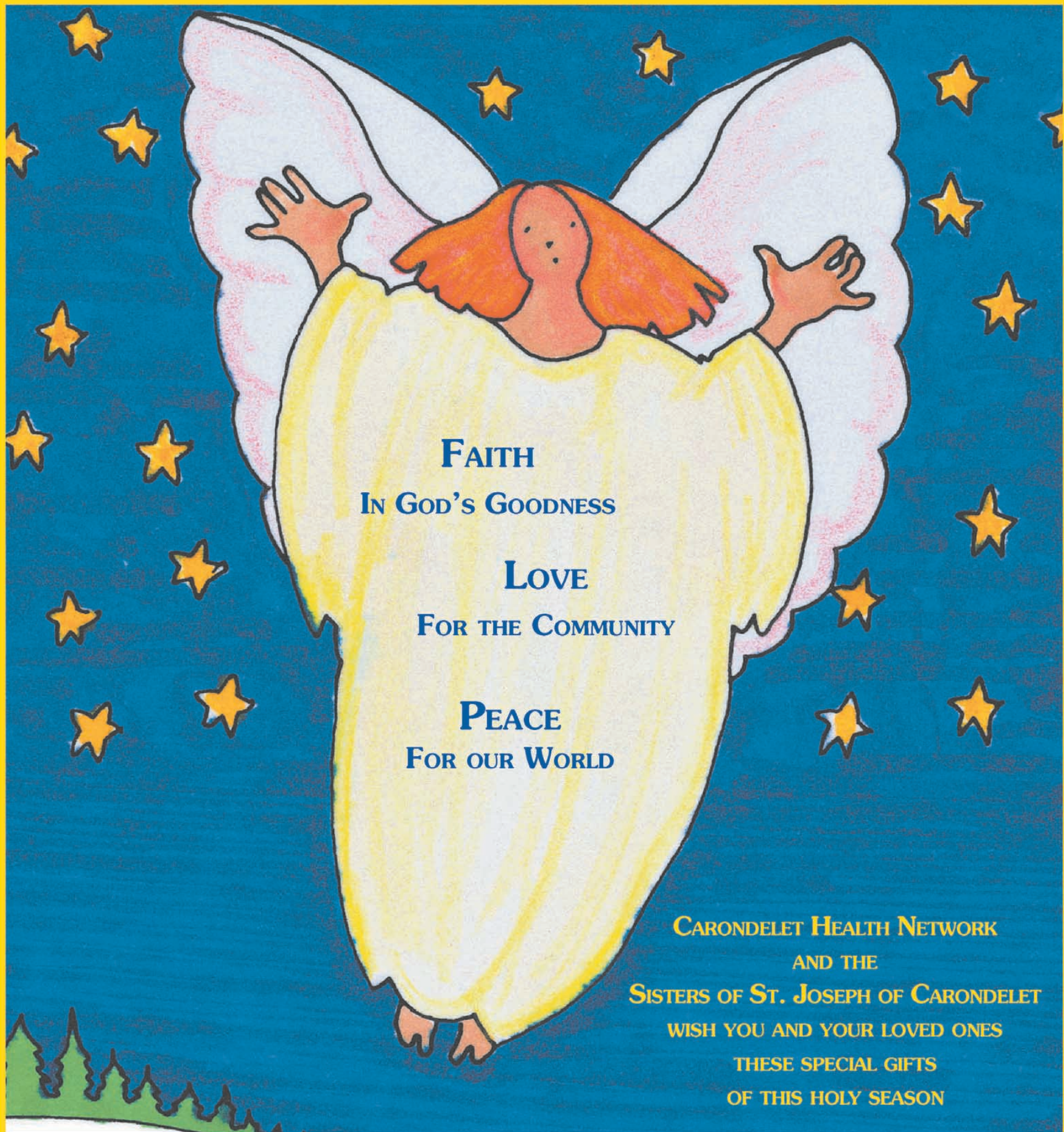
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Laughter -- the key to a happy holiday season

Just give me a bike

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She said, "Well Johnny, we simply don't have the money to just go out and buy you anything you want for Christmas, especially if you have not been a very good boy. Why don't you write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead."

After throwing an extremely loud and violent temper tantrum, Johnny's mother sent him off to his room.

After spending a long time thinking about the situation, Johnny finally sat down to write a letter to Jesus.

Dear Jesus,
I have been a good boy this year and would like to have a new bicycle.

Your friend, Johnny

Now Johnny knew that Jesus really knew what kind of boy he was and about all of the terrible things he had done. So he ripped up

the letter and decided to give it another try.

Dear Jesus,
I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle.

Yours Truly, Johnny

Well, Johnny knew this wasn't totally honest so he tore it up and tried again.

Dear Jesus,
I've thought about being a good boy this year and can I have a bicycle?

Johnny

Well, Johnny looked deep down in his heart, which by the way was what his mother really wanted. He knew he had been terrible and was deserving of almost nothing. He crumpled up the letter, threw it in the trash can and went running outside. He aimlessly wandered about depressed because of the way he treated his parents and really considering his actions. He finally found himself in front of a Catholic church.

Johnny went inside and knelt down, looking around not knowing what he should really do. He finally got up and began to walk out when he noticed a statue of Mary in the foyer. All of a sudden he grabbed it, ran out the door and straight home where he hid the statue under his bed. He then sat down

once again to write this letter to Jesus.

Jesus,
I got your mama. If you ever want to see her again, give me a bike.

You know who

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A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. However, it was found by an honest little boy and returned to her.

Looking in her purse, the lady commented, "Hmmm, that's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills."

With a smile, the boy quickly replied, "That's right! The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

(Editor's note: "The Lighter Side" is a forum for all D-M members to submit original, previously unpublished Department of Defense, Air Force, 355th Wing and D-M comics, cartoons, photographs and humorous military stories and quotes. Stories must be 100 words or less. Contributions for "The Lighter Side" can be made directly to the 355th Wing Public Affairs Office, Building 2300, Suite 2054, or through e-mail to desert.airman@dm.af.mil. The editor can be reached directly at 228-3152.)

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Korean Conflict survivors offer story to help members in war on terrorism

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda
Staff Writer, Public Affairs

Time again begins the tedious task of chiseling the wrinkles that reflect the maturing of a nation. Sadness softens those wrinkles with tears of sorrow shed for our brothers lost in battle, as America continues to send its sons and daughters into the iron clad jaws of war.

Young men were drafted, minimum training was provided, uniforms and supplies were issued and they went to war. The Korean War was raging on, and men were being deployed with only a vague idea, if that, of what they were fighting for. Ill prepared for the climate and the brutalities of war, they fought with valor. Although many met death forthright, some began a new journey as a prisoner of war.

The U.S. military and the United States as a whole has come a long way since the Korean Conflict, 1950 to 1953. Although we may have learned a lot, the experiences of those intimately engaged in the war may still offer invaluable insight for today's military. They, like us, were a force ready to deploy to protect

America's interests abroad, with becoming a POW perhaps their greatest fear. These are the stories of the men who not only became POWs, but survived to share their stories and the wives that staid at home and hoped against all odds for their husbands' eventual return. These stories are from men who ended their tenure as POWs at Camp 2, which was located in North Korea, near the China border.

"The mortality rate in the camp (Camp 2) was about forty percent," said former active-duty captain, Dr. Sid Esensten, who, while a POW himself, helped fulfill some of the religious needs as a chaplain to other POWs at Camps 2 and 5. Camp 5 was near Pyoktong, North Korea. "The mortality rate was highest during the first year. There were twenty-eight to forty deaths a day at Camp 5. Every time I witnessed death, I died a little too."

For many, the possibility of escape

was quickly abated by mere location. POWs were moved to locations near Camp 2, near the Korean border with China (see map). Surrounded by water on three sides and a hostile neighbor to the north, soldiers turned their focus to survival.

"Once I was captured (April 1951), I walked, sometimes for days, to a village. When the people at a village got tired of having me around they moved me to a different village," said retired Army Col. Ralph Dixon. A towering man at about six-foot-two, he was a lieutenant at the time of his capture. "I sort of stuck out and one day soldiers came to take me to a prisoner camp (October 1951)."

Many POWs were often moved several times before settling at one POW camp.

"I was captured, and by the time I reached Camp 2, I had been moved through 'Death Valley,' Camp 5, Pyongyang, Camp 3 and Pak Palace,"

said retired Lt. Col. Bernard Galing, who volunteered as a private and completed officer candidate school before his capture as a first lieutenant. "Pak Palace was something like a Hanoi Hilton (North Vietnamese POW camp), it was anything but a palace. Most POWs went through the interrogation of the Palace and its commanding officer, Pak."

As soldiers waited out their time as POWs, America at large grew bored of the war and support for men overseas and their families at home waned. Spouses at home battled the fear of the unknown and the confusion of misinformation or extended periods of no information. They also struggled in their new roles as primary provider and caretakers, which often meant relocating to help make ends meet.

"I was six-months pregnant when I was notified that the F4U Corsair my husband was in had been shot down. He had a rifle, but he was surrounded

and taken immediately," said Muriel Osborne, wife of then Navy Lt. Henry Osborne. "I had to move from California to Texas with my two-year-old daughter (Kathy Lasseigne) with the help of my Mom."

"When our baby was three months old (I named her Henri after her father), I received a handwritten letter from my husband at a POW camp in Peking Ching. It said, 'Sorry, I've been a bit delayed.' Although the mail was very censored, I knew he was OK. I notified my Congressman, who notified the Department of the Navy. After that I received about

thirteen letters. Sometimes six months would go by with nothing, then I would get a few at once."

Once soldiers returned after one to three years in POW camps, reunions were challenging, said Wyatt. War leaves a mark as individual as the person it touches.

Regardless of the mark left by the experiences of life as a POW, many learned lessons that they are eager to share with today's military. There were a multitude of things many wish they would have known and, although times have changed, many still apply.

"Know why you are wearing the uniform and the purpose of what you are getting paid for," said Dixon. "If you

deploy or are stationed overseas) get to know the country you are in and the culture; don't be the 'ugly American.'"

"Don't try to change the people in another country, just blend in," said Galing.

"Learn everything you can about the environment you are exposed to or may be exposed to, whether it be enemy troops, equipment or environment," said retired Col. Harry Hedlund, who joined the military in February 1942, was reactivated in April 1946, and joined the Air Force in March 1949. "Draw upon whatever internal strengths you have and you begin to believe in yourself, not anyone else, but yourself, because most of the time (as a POW) I didn't trust the people next to me."

"(With today's technology and the training military members receive) chances of being a POW (now) are slim," said Galing. "But, if you are going to be a soldier, be a soldier twenty-four hours a day. If you are going to be an airman, be an airman twenty-four hours a day. If you don't like it, do something else."

As America wages a new type of war – a war against terrorism – we heed the lessons learned from the past. Lessons learned from past wars, including the Korean Conflict, we pray will lead to less tears shed for our lost brothers.

Editor's note: Many of the surviving Korean Conflict prisoners of war from Camp 2, including all of those quoted in this article, were released during Operation Big Switch, Sept. 4, 1953. POWs from Camp 2 meet biennially at various locations in the U.S. This year they chose Tuscon, Ariz., and the 355th Wing hosted their closing ceremony in Heritage Park at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. We thank them for their willingness to share their story. We salute the POWs and their families for their sacrifices.



Courtesy photo

Americans and allied military members on a march after being captured during the Korean Conflict, 1950 to 1953.

Faces of Survivors

(Left) Harry Hedlund, (Lower right; left to right) Ralph Dixon and Bernard Galing were prisoners of war at Camp 2 during the Korean Conflict, and their stories may provide insight to today's military members. (Lower left; left to right) Henri Smith, Muriel Osborne and Kathy Lasseigne waited at home and prayed for the safe return of their father/husband who were taken as a POW during the Korean Conflict.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda

Sports Shorts

Football Frenzy Winner

Congratulations to Robert Koltanowski, who got to go on an all-expenses paid trip Sunday to the Dallas Cowboys game with his brother, Alexander, as one of the nine winners of the Air Force Clubs 2002 Football Frenzy promotion. Several more trips have yet to be awarded. The next Air Force Clubs Football Frenzy drawings at Headquarters Services are Dec. 17 for the Pro Bowl and Feb. 10 for the trip to San Francisco to meet Terrell Owens. Then the Frenzy "Draft Pick" activities begin for a chance to go to the 2004 Superbowl. Stop by the club to find out more or call 228-3301.

Varsity-level training camps

Anyone interested in trying out for the following sports need to submit an Air Force Form 303, to the Fitness and Sports Center.

Wrestling – March 3 to May 6 at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho (Air Force Form 303 deadline is Jan. 17)

Cross Country – There is no Air Force camp (only Armed Forces) ... (Air Force Form 303 deadline is Dec. 30)

Bowling – March 5 to 13 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas (Air Force Form 303 deadline is Jan. 20)

Basketball – March 18 to April 3 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. (Air Force Base Form 303 deadline is Feb. 3)

Center officials highly recommend the Air Force Form 303 be submitted early. For more information, call Jay Junsay at 228-0021 or 228-0022.

Golf course Christmas Sale

The Blanchard Golf Course has Christmas Holiday Gift Certificate for sale. Buy a gift certificate from \$50 to \$200 and the pro shop will add an extra 10 percent to the certificate so your \$50 certificate now is worth \$55 and so on. Also starting today, receive 25 percent off any red ticketed item in the pro shop. Sale ends Jan. 15. For more information, call 228-3734.

D-M Bowling Center fun

Try Karaoke Cosmic Bowl Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. for \$10. Also come out Mondays through Fridays to root on your favorite bowlers qualifying for a position to play in the Air Combat Command Championships to be held at D-M Jan. 15 to 17. While at the center enjoy one of their delicious food specials or buy lunch and bowl two games for the price of one. The Pro Shop has 25 percent off selected shoes and balls all month. For more information, call 228-3461.

Monday Night Football

Football Frenzy and Monday Night Foot-

D-M Ladies Golf

The D-M Ladies Golf Association held the 2002 Commander's Cup, an annual three-day tournament, Nov. 20 to 22. The tournament, based upon the lowest winning score including handicap, was won by Hye-Suk Fish, a 16-handicap who successfully played to her handicap by shooting 94, 83 and 89 over the three-day tournament for a net 218. Finishing first and second behind the Cup winner were current club champion Elena Mahoney and club president Patricia Horton, both 15-handicaps. Third place went to Nancy Flesher, a 32-handicap. Other prize winners were: Nyla Schwartz, Marie Cogut, Callie Anderson, Annie Mahoney and Roz Doyle. Elenea Mahoney and Nancy Flesher represented the association at the annual Southern District Medallion held this year at Whirlwind Country Club in Chandler. Mahoney placed second in her flight, and Flesher was the 2nd place low net winner. She was filling in for Mary West, who had won Medallion low net at D-M.

(Right) Jackie Stewart finishes hole #4 at the Blanchard Golf Course during the D-M Ladies' Golf Club Tournament Nov. 22.



Tech. Sgt. Marlin Zimmerman

ball are at the Enlisted Club's Shock Wave Lounge. Doors open at 5 p.m. All ranks are welcome.

There will be giveaways, football pools, prize drawings, half-time games and great Cabana Specials. Monday's game pits New England and Tennessee.

Fitness instructors

The fitness center is looking for more individuals, as aerobics instructors, with certification especially in Yoga, Body Sculpting, Pilates and Water Aerobics. All individuals must also have current CPR certification. We are in need of more so as to offer more variety of classes and also use, as substitutes, for other instructors in case of sickness or other emergencies.

Please call Jay Junsay or Master Sgt. Kenneth Ramey at 228-0021 or 228-0022. Individuals will be put on a non-appropriated funds contract.

Jingle Bell 5K Walk/Run

A 5K run/walk is set for Dec. 20 at the new track. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. The start time is 7 a.m. Drawings will also be held for prizes.

Attention volleyball players

Anyone interested in participating on the base (men's and women's) varsity volleyball

team is encouraged to stop by the new fitness center to sign up and get more information. The search is also on for a women's coach. Coaches applications must be on an Air Force Form 303. Try-out and practice schedules will be announced once there are enough players signed up (or interested). For more information, call Jay Junsay at 228-0021 or 228-0022.

Dang Soo Do (Korean Karate)

Learn traditional martial arts as they are taught in Korea. Classes focus on practical self-defense, physical fitness, personal development, self-discipline, respect, self-confidence, and Korean language and etiquette. Classes are located in the new fitness center, and are held Monday through Friday. For more information, call 990-1144.

Tae Kwon Do classes

Tae Kwon Do classes are being offered at the Youth Center. Space is limited. For fees and other information, call 228-8844.

Single? Play golf?

If you are single, play golf, and are 21 or older, the Tucson Chapter of the American Singles Golf Association invites your participation. Call 798-6338 for more information, or visit them on the Web at www.tucson.singlesgolf.com.

Scoreboard

Flag Football

Monday/Wednesday

(Standings current as of Nov. 21)

Team	W-L
CRS	8-0
43 ECS	8-1
MEDICS	6-1
41 ECS	4-1
SFS	5-2
CONS	4-4
362 RCS	3-5
SUPPLY	3-5
EMS/AMMO	3-6
25 OWS	2-5
EMS #1	2-9
CES	1-10

Tuesday/Thursday

(Standings current as of Nov. 21)

Team	W-L
SVS	7-1
ARMY	6-2
COMM	5-2
79 RQS	5-2
OSS	4-4
TRANS	3-5
358 FS	2-5
612 ACOMS	2-6
55 RQS	0-7

Bowling

OWC

(Week 8)

Team	W-L
Shoulda Been	48-16
Pin Heads	40-24
MSP	36-28
Raspberries	32-32
Alley Cats	32-32
Bag Ladies	29-35
Forget About It	27-37
High Game (Women): Mary Jo Davee, 179	
High Series (Women): Karen Liptak, 474	

Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
Bad Beavers	56-24
Sunflower Gals	53-27
Dream Catchers	48-32
Monarchs	42-38
Aggravation	42-38
Hit and Miss	42-39
Alley Kats	38-42
Wee Bee Bad	38-42
Alley Angels	30-50

High Game (Team): Sunflower Gals, 477
High Game (Women): Freda Laichas, 202
High Series (Team): Hit and Miss, 1324
High Series (Women): Arlene Cook, 484

Phantom Mixed

(Week 7)

Team	W-L
So So's	37-19
Sangre Caliente	34-22
Alley Oops	32-24
Rat Pack	32-24
Hit Or Miss	30-26
Gutter Busters	30-26
The Cajuns	27-29

Intramural

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
CPTS/MSS	49-31
AMARC #1	48-32
TRS	48-32
12 AF #1	48-32
43 ECS	48-32
AMARC Woodmill	44-36
EMS/AMMO	40-40

CRS 40-40
12 AF #2 40-40
SVS #1 38-42
25 OWS 38-42
SVS #2 35-45
MDG 24-56
COMM 20-60
High Game (Team): AMARC Woodmill, 1950
High Game (Men): Earl Teer, 258
High Game (Women): Michelle Jackson, 207
High Series (Team): AMARC Woodmill, 2624
High Series (Men): Bill Simonar, 626
High Series (Women): Michelle Jackson, 527

Thursday Night

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
PC's	54-26
No Fear	50-30
Man On	48-32
Mission Impossible	46-34
Shaka	44-36
May-Bees	44-36
Caps and Cars	44-36
Four Seas	40-40
Hot Chili Peppers	38-42
PBJs	36-44

Strikes and Spares 32-48
FUBAR 30-50
Mickey's Mavericks 28-52
Ice Breakers 26-54
High Game (Team): Four Seas, 693
High Game (Men): Les Claassen, 257
High Game (Women): Fran Baird, 201
High Series (Team): PCs, 2015
High Series (Men): Les Claassen, 631
High Series (Women): Fran Baird, 539

CE Mixed Trio

(Week of Nov. 7)

Team	W-L
Good, Bad & Ugly	25-11
The Cans	21-15
Brew Crew	19-19
BJs Bunns	18.5-17.5
Cruisers	17-19
Sigma Five	15-21
Just-4-Fun	15-21
Powerball	13.15-22.5

DMAFB Pee Wee

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
Pee Wee #2	15.5-14.5
Pee Wee #1	14.5-15.5
High Game (Boy): Cam, 99	
High Game (Girl): Alyssa, 84	

High Series (Boy): Cam, 183
High Series (Girl): Hope, 164

DMAFB Bantams

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
Tigers of Terror	24-16
X-Bowls	23-17
Tuxedos	18.5-21.5
The Good Team	14.5-25.5

DMAFB Preps

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
3 Rightys and a Lefty	30-10
Pin Busters	19.5-20.5
Strikers Five	16-24
Double Trouble	14.5-25.5

DMAFB Juniors/Majors

(Week 10)

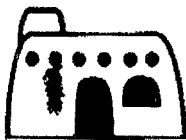
Team	W-L
Hit'Em Up Boyz	29-11
One Pin Too Short	23-17
Fireballs	23-17
Desert Strikers	21.5-18.5
The Roadrunners	16.5-23.5
Vacant Team	16.5-23.5
There's Been A Mistake	15.5-24.5
Brunswick Bruins	15-25

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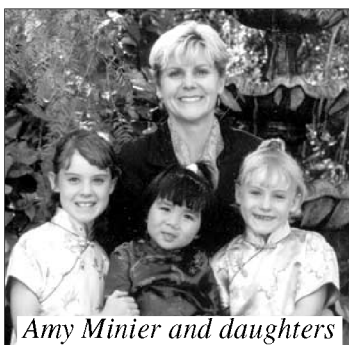
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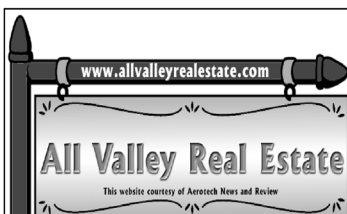
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Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m.

Daily: Catholic Mass and Communion is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

Education Services

MGIB transferability test program

The Air Force recently announced a test program allowing airmen and officers, serving in specific critical specialties, to transfer portions of their Montgomery GI Bill benefits to their dependents. The following specialties have been designated as critical specialties: officers 32E, 61S and 62E and enlisted 1N3XX, 3E7X1 and 3C0X2. Members applying must have accepted the automation MGIB enrollment upon entering active duty and need to have completed at least six but not more than 12 years of active duty. If participating, members need to complete at least an additional four years of service. Officers and enlisted personnel participating in this program do not have to be married or have children at this time. For more information, call 228-4815 or 228-4813.

Please be alert

There is a company advertising Educational Services and selling CLEP study guides and encyclopedias in mall kiosks and door to door to service members. CLEP and DANTES study guides are provided for free by the base education center for personnel taking CLEP and DATES tests. For more information, call 228-4815 or 228-4813.

CCAF graduation deadline

The deadline to complete all degree requirements is Feb. 28 for members who would like to participate in the April commencement ceremony. For more information, call 228-3484.

Family Support Center

Toys for Tots

Donations have been collected to help those needed with buying children's Christmas gifts. Free toys are available at the family support center, Building 3210. Service members E-4 and below can pick up two toys for each child Thursday. All other ranks can

pick up toys Dec. 20. Limited supply. For more information, call 228-5690.

Transition Assistance Program

There is a TAP seminar Wednesday through Dec. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. Focus is on preparing departing service members to conduct an effective job search in the civilian marketplace. Individuals are eligible to attend two years prior to retirement or within a year of separation. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Playgroups

The family support center offers two playgroups at the Desert Dove Chapel. Time for Tots is Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Funtime is Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, call 228-5690.

Volunteer opportunities

A variety of on-and off-base volunteer opportunities are currently available. For more information, call 228-5690.

Personal financial management

Individuals thinking of making an investment whom are unsure which of the numerous investment vehicles would be best should call the family support center to take advantage of the free, confidential service provided by the Personal Financial Management Program. Trained and highly skilled counselors can assist you in making a sound financial decision. For an appointment, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Cookie Crunch

Cookie Crunch is a base-wide program to provide homemade cookies to every person living in the dorms. They need help to make this year's program successful. Please bring homemade cookies to the Desert Dove Chapel Monday and Tuesday. Volunteers will collect the cookies inside the chapel and outside in the drive-thru on Ironwood Drive. For more information, call 228-3559 or email cookiecrunch02@hotmail.com.

Blood drive

The Red Cross has a Davis-Monthan community blood drive Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club, Ballrooms 1 and 2. They need 175 donors. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call the American Red Cross at 917-2820.

Holiday Greeting Marathon

Family members and friends of military members who will be deployed or on a remote assignment during the holidays are invited to tape a holiday greeting for their loved ones. This is the second taping for this holiday season and those who missed the first are encouraged to take advantage of

this free offer. Taping is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Access Tucson Studios. For more information on the taping, call Sherry Harrison at 744-1310.

Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 7 for the holidays.

Piano lessons

Adult and youth piano lessons are offered at the community center Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call Ludy Salvatus at 512-8871.

Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 748-1157.

Friday and Sunday: Ghost Ship (R)

The boat salvage crew of the Arctic Warrior discovers the eerie remains of a grand passenger liner thought lost for more than 40 years. But once onboard the eerie, cavernous ship, the crew discovers that the decaying vessel is anything but deserted. It's home to something more deadly and horrific than anything they've encountered in all their years at sea. *1 hour, 31 minutes*



Saturday 2 p.m.: Tuck Everlasting (PG)



Winnie Foster is a teenage girl who longs for a life outside the control of her domineering mother. When lost in the woods near her

home, she happens upon Jesse Tuck, a boy unlike any she's ever met before. He and his family immediately take her in as one of their own. However, the Tucks hold a powerful secret, and with a mysterious man tracking them down, they fear that the world as they know it could end. Ultimately, Winnie must decide whether to return to her life or stay with her beloved Jesse and his family forever. *1 hour, 30 minutes*

Saturday 7 p.m.: Formula 51 (R)

Elmo McLroy, played by Samuel L. Jackson, is an American master chemist who heads to England to set up his last big deal, the introduction of a new designer drug to the European underworld. Elmo's plan to set up a quick score goes comically awry when



he gets stuck in Liverpool with an unlikely escort and becomes entangled in a bizarre web of double-dealing. *1 hour, 32 minutes*

D-M Officers' Club in December 2002

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Sunday Brunch! \$14.95 Members receive a \$3 discount! 10am-2pm All of your favorite breakfast & lunch dishes! Kids 6-10, \$3 Kids 5 & under Eat FREE	Monday Lunch BBQ Buffet!	Tuesday Lunch Smorgasbord Buffet	Wednesday Lunch Country Buffet	Thursday Lunch Carved Roast Beef & Ham	Friday Lunch Fried Catfish Buffet	Poly Bar Officers' Lounge Opens at 4pm
22 Santa Claus Brunch Mbrs pay 1/2 price Kids meet Santa Noon-1pm	Officers' Club Holiday Schedule CLOSED: 23 DEC-30 Jan 03 REOPENS: 5pm 31 Dec for New Years' Eve Party ticket holders only.		4 Prime Rib Buffet Dinner 5:30-8pm	2-4-1 Steak Special 5:30-8pm \$12.95 (members /guests only)	ELECTRIFIED MEMBERSHIP DRIVE! JOIN THE CLUB and be eligible to win the newest, coolest electronics! Just pick up an application from your Club & sign up Now - Dec 20 to be eligible for the random drawings! (Current members are already entered to win!)	
	9 Buy your tickets starting today! NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY! \$75 (Members receive \$25 discount) Includes: Prime Rib or Lobster Tail Dinner, Complimentary Champagne Midnight Toast, Breakfast Buffet, Big Band Entertainment, Party Favors & Open Bar!		11 Mongolian BBQ 5:30-8pm Poly Bar Officers' Lounge Opens 4pm Wednesdays Social Hour 5-6pm Free Tacos for members	12 No Evening Dining		
			18 No Evening Dining	19 No Evening Dining	Poly Bar Officers' Lounge Opens at 4pm Enjoy Social Hour Food 5-6pm (Bar Menu Available)	
			25 CLUB CLOSED	Poly Bar Officers' Lounge Opens at 4pm Social Hour 5-6pm	The Officers' Club will be CLOSED 1 Jan-5 Jan 03	
					Call 228-3301 to book your special functions! By appointment only.	

For current information on Services activities, check out our WEBPAGE at www.dmservicesonline.com



DESERT OASIS ENLISTED CLUB IN DECEMBER 2002

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cashier Hours: T-F: 11am-5pm Office Hours: T-F: 9am-4:30pm TOP 3 Lounge: Fri: Opens 3pm	Shock Wave Lounge: Mon: Opens 5pm Tues: 4-11pm Wed-Thurs 4-11:30pm Fri: 3-11:30pm Sat: Closed Sun: 9am-6pm	Cabanas: Mon: 10:30am-9pm Tues-Thurs: 10:30am-9pm Fri: 10:30am-10pm Sat: 1-10pm Sun: 10am-8pm	Eat at the O'Club Lunch Served: Mon-Fri 11am-1pm Dinner Served: Wed & Thurs 5:30-8pm	Barber Shop: Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm Sat: 8am-1pm 748-8710		
Shock Wave Lounge Open Sundays for Football Frenzy 9am-6pm	Club Holiday Schedule CLOSED: 22-30 Dec REOPENS: 31 Dec 5pm for New Years' Eve Party ticket holders CLOSED: 1-6 Jan 03	Shock Wave Lounge 4-11:30pm	Ladies Night! 7-9pm Reduced Drinks for ladies!	TOP 3 Lounge Open at 3pm Social Hour 5-6pm Every Friday!	Cabanas Open 1-10pm	
22 Don't Forget Sunday Brunch at the O'Club 10am-2pm	9 Buy Your Tickets Starting Today! New Years' Eve Party! \$15 (Members receive \$5 discount) Includes: DJ Entertainment, Party Favors, Hors d'oeuvres & Breakfast!	Cabanas Holiday Schedule CLOSED: 24-26 Dec CLOSED: 31 Dec-2 Jan 03	Shock Wave Lounge 4-11:30pm	Shock Wave Lounge 4-11:30pm	Cabanas Closed for Special Function Shock Wave Closed Saturdays	
	Shock Wave Open Mondays 5pm for Monday Night Football!	Shock Wave Lounge 4-11pm	Specials for our under 21 members! DM Members under 21 get all non-alcoholic beverages 1/2 price! Maintain your DM "Z" membership & get credit toward your 21st birthday party at the club! CLUB CREDIT AMOUNTS: 3 months = \$75 6 months = \$150 1 year or longer = \$300	Shock Wave Lounge 3-11:30pm	ELECTRIFIED MEMBERSHIP DRIVE! JOIN THE CLUB and be eligible to win the newest, coolest electronics! Just pick up an application from your Club & sign up Now - Dec 20 to be eligible for the random drawings! (Current members are already entered to win!)	
	Shock Wave Lounge 4-11pm	31 New Years' Eve Party!	2-4-1 Steak Special 5:30-8pm \$12.95 (members & guests only)	Shock Wave Lounge Social Hour Food 5-6pm Karaoke 6-11pm		

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Services Activities

Girl's night makeover

The youth center has a Girls Night Makeover today from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-8844.

Christmas ideas

Unique gift ideas are available for personal creation or purchase at the arts and crafts center. There is also a children's workshop Dec. 21 in Building 4531. For more information, stop by or call 228-4385.

Lunch with Santa

The youth center offers lunch with Santa Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Cost is \$2 for ages 12 years and younger and \$4 for ages 13 years and older. Check the December Services Magazine for a coupon for a free child's lunch. For more information, call 228-8844.

Rent a Santa suit

Outdoor recreation has Santa suits for rent. For more information, call 228-3736.

Information, Tickets and Travel

ITT offers tickets to a variety of Tucson area attractions. Currently there is a trip to Old Tucson Studio's Winter Lights and Carnival Dec. 20. For more information, call 228-3700.

Winterhaven hayride

The youth center offers a holiday hayride through Winterhaven Wednesday for ages five and older. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call 228-8844.

Job ready courses

There is an interviewing course Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to teach teens how to prepare for a job interview. For more information, call 228-8844.

Christmas decoration contest

Outdoor recreations offers first through third place prizes to the best decorated base house. Prizes will be awarded after the Thursday Holiday Wagon Ride. For more information, call 228-8844.

Teen holiday lock-in

The youth center has a teen lock-in Thursday from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. To sign up by Monday, call 228-8844.

ACC dollar days and Members First at D-M clubs

With Air Force clubs' Members First program, club members receive discounts on food purchases, special functions including holiday buffets and dinners and on all pro-rated special functions. Members even save 10 percent on all personal functions booked at the club including weddings and birthdays.

Also coming soon, Air Combat Command will supplement the

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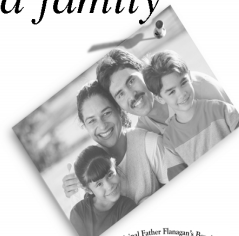
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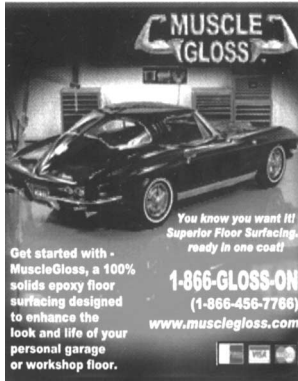
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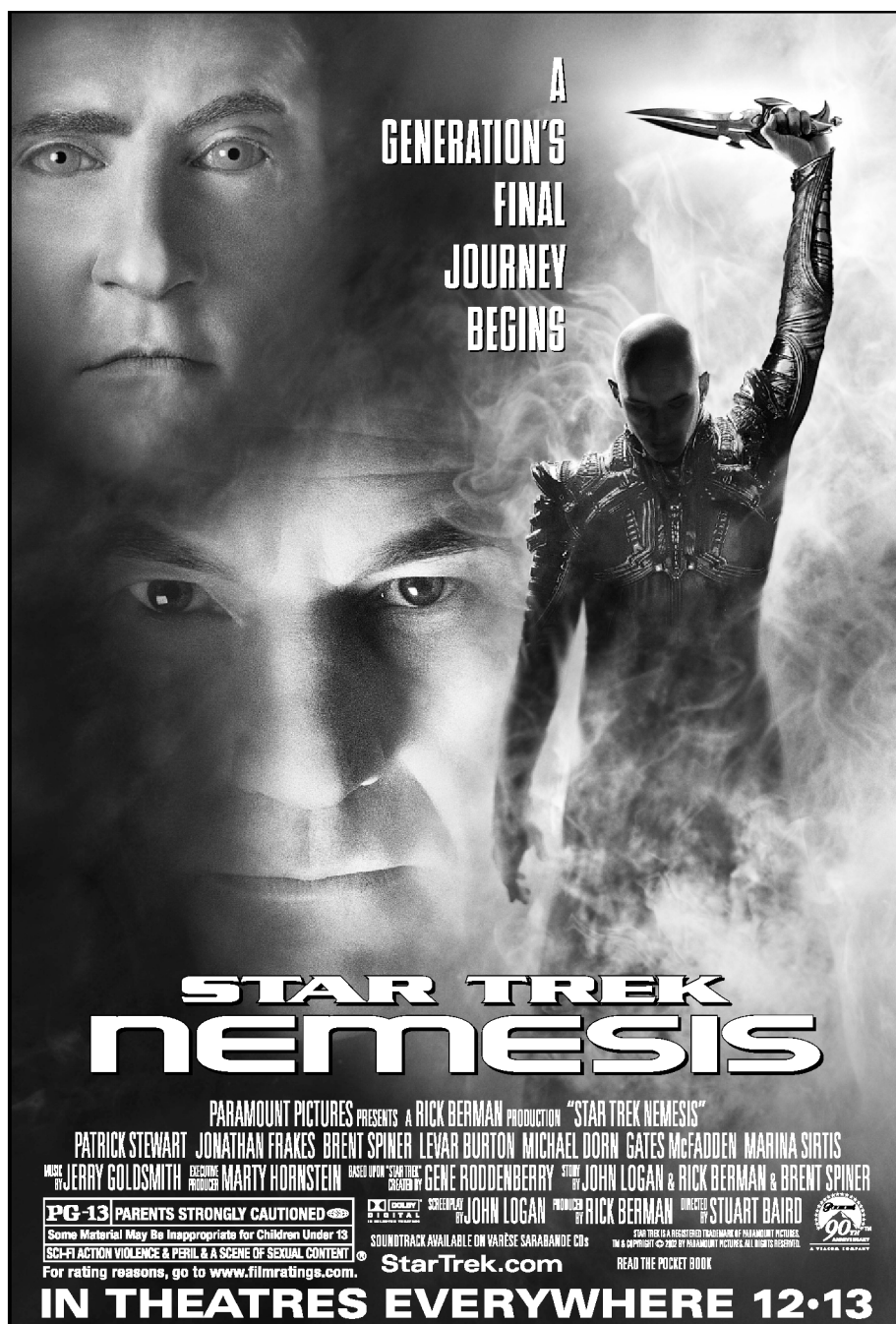
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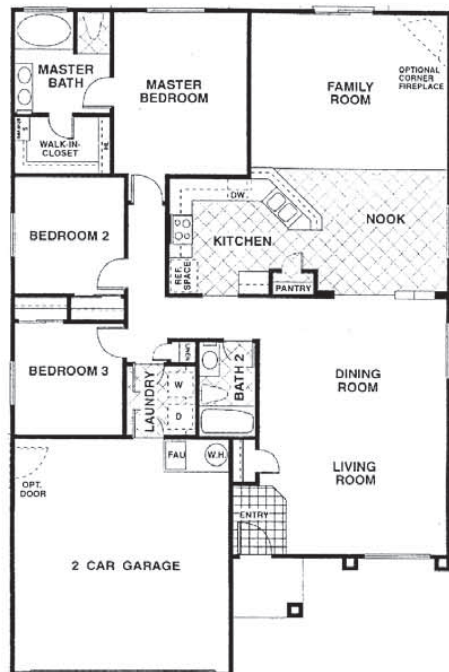
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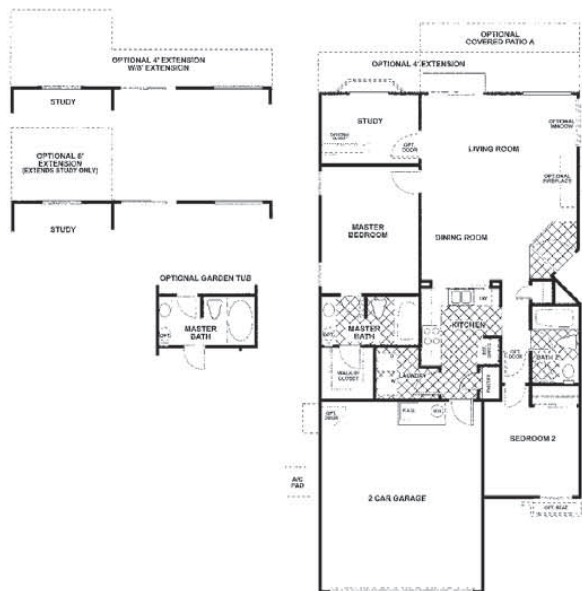
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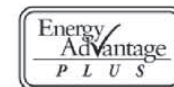
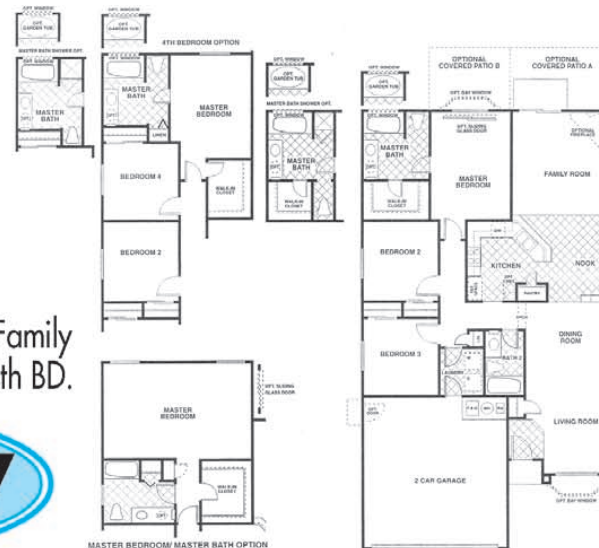
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